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63 pages of Amistad original documents. Including: John Quincy Adams' legal papers; Cinqué and Kimbo affidavids; The Supreme Court opinion by Justice Joseph Story on the Amistad Case; Congressional record of Amistad developments; and witness statements

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